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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, IO/5

SUBJECT: Draft of Grey Broadcaster Role for Inclusion in USSR Country Paper

REFERENCE: C/IO/5 memo to FP/C/ICD dated 25 October, same subject

1. The draft paper that you submitted to us under cover of reference is, in our opinion, an excellent piece of work both in terms of content and phraseology. We believe that it covers the subject very thoroughly. The suggested changes that we have to offer are incorporated below.

2. Suggested Change: Page 3 of draft, line 7, change "the principal role" to "an important role." Also, add at the end of this sentence the following sentence: "In this connection, the radio will emphasize the overwhelming desire of all Americans that peace reign in the world."

Reasons: We do not think that it is necessarily the principal role of this radio to cover "Americana". Its principal role is rather to cover whatever subject matter is considered most conducive to the achievement of the best possible reputation for the radio among the target audience. This draft states this objective, as a matter of fact, in the paragraph beginning at the bottom of page 5. We recommend the addition of the sentence about peace because it is the general policy of this Agency at this time to do all that we can to promote the concept that Americans strongly desire peace.

3. Suggested Change: Page 4, insert following sentence in bottom line, after sentence ending "of that Party regime": The radio will, however, constantly attack and expose the weaknesses and inadequacies of the economic structure in the Soviet Union, as outlined later in this paper.

Reasons: Although the draft does cover criticism of the Soviet economic system under its themes section (beginning on page 15), we feel that this subject is so important as to be worth inserting

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here, not only for added emphasis but also to counteract the impression that one can derive from the preceding sentence that the radio does not intend to criticize the economic system.

4. Suggested Change: Page 22, line 13, change word "thought" to "dogma".

Reasons: We don't intend to pick at choice of vocabulary, but dogma is a better word. There are, in fact, some thoughts in Marx's own writings which tend to refute His dogmatic conclusions.

5. In addition to the above specific recommendations for change, there are two paragraphs which we are not attempting to redraft but the language of which we would like to see changed along the lines that we suggest below. The first is paragraph 3 on page 7. It is the view of the large majority of qualified Western observers that the peoples of the Soviet Union do not seek liberation per se. The peoples should of course have the right to determine for themselves whatever form of government they wish to be governed by, we do not feel that it is realistic to expect that the initial moves for a change will come from within the Soviet Union itself. Hence, we feel that the concept of the Gray Radio as a "catalyst" in "propelling this process forward" should be toned down. In short, we recommend that this paragraph be rewritten to stress more the general dissatisfaction of the peoples with regime policies and the need to make them conscious of alternatives to the regime, but de-emphasizing the idea that the people are going to initiate such changes and that the Gray Radio is going to catalyze them into doing so.

6. We also recommend the expansion and clarification of paragraph e, page 24. We are afraid that the paragraph could be interpreted as permitting broadcasts appealing to nationalist sentiment in the USSR. We feel that the paragraph should state specifically that the broadcasts are not in any way to say anything which could be interpreted as encouraging nationalist sentiments among the various nationalities.

7. Chief, PP/ICD has concurred generally in the sense of these recommendations.

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